



**Semiquincentennial Committee
(Menotomy 250)
Meeting Minutes**

Date: Tuesday, May 9, 2023

Time: 7:00 pm

Conducted by Remote Participation

Committee Members in Attendance

John Hurd, Paul Fennelly, Michael Ruderman, Beth Locke, Stewart Ikeda, Angela Olszewski

Guests

Jim Feeney, Claire Ricker

1. Call to Order

Angela called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

2. Welcome Committee Members, Volunteers, and Guests

Committee members welcomed Deputy Town Manager Jim Feeney and Director of Planning & Community Development Claire Ricker to the meeting.

3. Approval of Minutes

Paul made a motion, seconded by Michael, to approve the minutes of the April meeting. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

4. Regional Cooperation and Request for Funding

Stewart explained the regional cooperation between Arlington, Lexington, Lincoln, and Concord and the request for funding. The premise is that there will be one region with four stories. The towns have been asked to collaborate when we ask for state funding. There will be an RFP for shared resources and one funding request. We are building toward major events. There is a plan to have hire one agency for events coordination and marketing. Each town has been requested to contribute \$25,000 this year for this purpose. There is an expectation that the same amount will be requested for next year. The next meeting of the regional group will be held on June 1 from 6:30-8 pm at the Concord Library.

5. Discussion of Possible Funding Sources/Request for appropriation from the town

Paul reported on the State 250 Commission and the request for regional cooperation. We will be prepared to answer questions regarding the \$25K requested in the warrant at Town Meeting. We will need to get the finance/funding working group started soon. Angela will reach out to George Parsons, who had volunteered for this group, to see if he would like to help organize it.

6. Public Input

Stewart, Angela, and Michael reported on the April 30th forum. It went well. There were about fifteen attendees. They offered suggestions. Most signed up for working groups. The next forum will be held on May 11th. John will be able to lead that one.

7. Committee Organization/Implementation of Working Groups

The committee openings are posted. Working groups: Angela will start outreach. She will talk to Beth about Visitor Experience & Hospitality. Stewart will work on Arts & Culture, Marketing, and DEI.

8. Old Business

There was no old business.

9. New Business

Stewart noted that Freedom's Way created a podcast at the Jason Russell House. It is also supporting the climate futures project.

10. Future Meeting Dates

The committee selected Thursday, June 8th as its next meeting date.

11. Adjournment

Beth made a motion, seconded by Stewart, to adjourn the meeting at 8:42 pm. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.